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SECRETARY'S PAGE

The Scottish Rite Temple was beautifully decorated for the the Christmas Open House observance which was held on Sunday afternoon, December 19th from 3:00 until 7:00 P.M. The first floor of the Temple was decorated with the religious theme, whereas the second floor decorations carried out the festive element of Christmas in the beautifully renovated C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall. This Open House was a tremendous success, as the three preceding ones have been. Many Brethren and their families took advantage of the opportunity to visit their Temple. Many of the ladies who came were enjoying their first visit to our new Temple, as we like to refer to it following completion of the program of renovations. The Banquet Hall, of course, was the scene of most of the activiites because it was here that a bountiful supply of refreshments was served from a beautifully decorated center table.

A number of our Brethren and their wives served as hosts and hostesses for the occasion and they saw to it that everyone who visited the Temple received a hearty hand-shake and a good deal of pleasant conversation. Certainly they did everything possible to make all of our folks feel at home.

Perhaps the largest crowd to visit the Temple came between the hours of 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. because it was during this period that Santa Claus himself arrived and gave not only liberal attention to the children who were present in large numbers, but he also entertained the adults as well. Santa Claus, by all means, was the star attraction of the afternoon and he contributed much towards making the occasion a tremendous success.

Special mention should be made also to the auditorium setting which was open for visitation, a beautiful scene had been selected and many of the people who visited the auditorium, especially the ladies, were loud in their praise.

And now, we look forward to the approaching Reunion, April 11, 12 and 13, 1972. The name of this Reunion has not yet been selected, but before you receive the next issue of the BAGPIPE this pleasant chore will have been accomplished. We can all contribute much to the success of the approaching Reunion. Those newly created 32° Masons are to be depended upon to make it possible for others who have not been able to share in the wonderful things we have to offer.

All of us in the office sincerely hope and pray that the New Year will bring to you the peace and happiness you so much desire.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°

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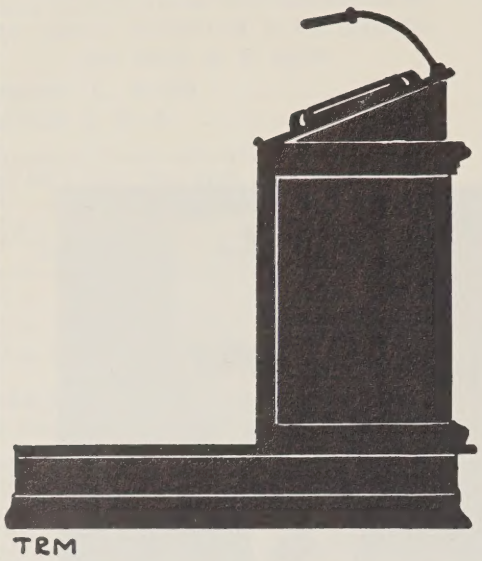

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

HOW MUCH ROOM DO YOU HAVE?

Permit me to express again at the outset of this article, my deepest appreciation for the honors accorded to me at our recent Reunion. It warmed my heart deeply and my humble thanks go to my beloved friend and Secretary Bob Pugh and all others who played a part in it. I, would again, like to thank our fine class for their contribution in terms of interest and gratitude. This, too, was magnificent.

My message at this time is simple and to the point. *How much room do you have? I say to you, it really is a matter of room.* Christianity is not a set of laws, rules or regulations. It is a matter of your relationship with a power greater than you are. It is not a matter of book keeping, not even learning catechisms. *The real basic issue is you and me — How much room do we have for others and for the Supreme Architect,* who gave us our first Christmas with the birth of Jesus, His beloved Son.

If you recall, there was no room for Jesus at the inn, he was born in a manger in Bethlehem. There is much to think about in this business of *room,* it has a carry over in our time. We need and must have room for the Master, for our families and for others.

We do not have to change our vocations to promote our christianity and Scottish Rite Masonry. The Gallilean himself was a carpenter and the Apostle Paul was a tent maker, but they had room within their being for someone else. Even the shoe shine boy on the corner with his cloth saying "rat-a-tat-tat" can have room.

Life is more enjoyable, more meaningful, when we make room within ourselves for others. We become conscious of this room, when we find ourselves doing the little things for others instead of waiting for big things to happen. The friendly pat on the back, the sympathizing tear, the happy smile, the yes in your face, are all easy to come by. *They do not cost a dime, yet, they show evidence of Room within.*

Let us remember this at Christmastime, as we try to find Room within the recesses of our own Temple. *Stop,* ask yourself, *How much room do I have?*

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Dear Brethren,

God gives us friends. To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts; to be a friend is to experience solemn and tender education of soul from day to day. A friend remembers us when we have forgotten ourselves.

A friend may praise us and we are not embarrassed. He takes loving heed of our work, our health, our aims, our plans. He may rebuke us and we are not angry. If he is silent, we understand. It takes a great soul to be a friend. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It costs time, affection, strength, patience, love.

We will be slow to make friends, but having once made them, neither life nor death, misunderstanding, distance, or doubt must ever come between.

Rev. A. Purnell Bailey

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My New Year's wish to you, Brethren, is that during the coming year you might cultivate at least one new friend and become a friend to someone.

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One thing love and religion have in common; if they are for only one hour a week they are both phony.

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Because you have occasional low spells, don't despair. The sun has a sinking spell every night, but it rises again all right the next morning.

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A farmer who was a loyal church going Christian was spending the day in a large city. He entered a restaurant and sat down at a table near a group of young men of the world. When his meal arrived, he quietly bowed his head and said grace.

One of the young sophisticates thought he'd have some fun with the farmer, and said in a loud voice: "Hey, Pop, does everyone do that where you come from?"

The old man looked at him and replied, "No, Son, the pigs don't."

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A politician who had changed his views rather radically was congratulated by a colleague.

"I'm glad you've seen the light," he was told.

"I didn't see the light," came the terse reply. "I felt the heat."

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People who don't believe in guardian angels haven't done much driving in the rush-hour traffic.

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Too often when success goes to a man's head, excess goes to his middle.

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Many office workers wear eye glasses because they have eye strain caused by watching the clock.

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A woman on the bus had been bothering the driver every few minutes to remind him when she wanted to get off.

"How will I know when we get to the right street?" she asked.

He replied. "By the big smile on my face, lady."

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Now, Brethren, if you'll take the following ingredients, put a bit of each in your lives each day, chances are you'll have a smile on your face as well as a —

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

If you go back to the days of World War II, and excuse a little time sojourning with Uncle Sam's Army, it adds up that I spent something like thirty years messing around with buses, one way or another. And I did some of most of it; I drove some and dispatched some and operated a bus station some and worked on the regulatory side of the fence some and wound up in the managerial end of it. There were a lot of good experiences and there were some right rough times, too.

When I started out as a driver we still had a lot of those old buses with the motors out front. There were several different makes of these but they all had one thing in common — they were man-killers.

It took about all the strength you had in you and about all the weight you had on you to wheel one of those things around a street corner, and if the outside front tire hit a rut or bump during the turn that steering wheel would snatch you out of the seat like you were a bag of popcorn.

The baggage — and it seemed like most people carried one or two steamer trunks everywhere they went — was stowed on top of the bus and had to be drug up and down a ladder. Half the passengers usually got off — one at a time — way out in the country and each time you had business up that ladder, after a trunk. Sometimes when you undid the tarp to look for a trunk the wind would get under it — the tarp, not the trunk; nothing short of a full grown cyclone would budge one of those trunks—and here that trap would go sailing off into somebody's cornfield, or maybe a ditch, and it sure was a lot of fun getting it back.

Blowouts were real nice, too. A blowout always occurred on an inside rear wheel so you could have the added joy of taking the outside wheel off in order to get to the flat. First you had to jack up the body and find some props to hold it there so you could take the jack out and then jack up the axle. If you didn't do it just that way the body would overhang the wheel so that you couldn't get the wheel off. One of those wheels and tires weighed something in the neighborhood of a ton — on a dry day. I never had the supreme pleasure of changing a wet one and I'd hate to speculate what it would weigh.

Nowadays a bus driver sails along in air-conditioned comfort and doesn't shed enough sweat to moisten a postage stamp. Well, we used to sweat some; profusely, copiously, and generously. We didn't have any air-conditioning. What we had was about seventy cubic feet of cast iron engine running a hotbox right in front of us and the top of the old transmission sticking up out of the floor and boiling away right along side of us. After about fifteen minutes of hard running you could fry eggs on the top of that transmission, and you didn't have to get hungry waiting for 'em to cook, either. One day I was hightailing it down the road with about twenty passengers more than I had seats for and this one gentleman decided he'd sit down on that transmission (if I'd had any idea he was taking such a notion I'd have stopped him) and

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he did and I'll bet he didn't sit down anywhere else for the best part of a month. He came off that thing with the most awful scream you ever heard — I almost ran in the ditch.

Back in those days they figured out how long it ought to take you to go a given distance at seventy miles an hour, then they'd take five or ten minutes off of that and expect you to be on time. We used to run those eight foot buses so fast down those sixteen foot roads that if you met anything as light as a Model A Ford you were liable to blow him into the next county. There was one fellow I used to meet every evening and when he'd see me coming he'd pull over just as close to the ditch as he could get and stop till I was gone. I could always see his mouth working as I went by but I never could tell what it was he was calling me. I can guess, though.

Driving those old buses was the hardest work I ever did and I loved every minute of it.

That's all from Onslow.

"From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

I feel quite presumptuous in writing another article for our "Bagpipe" after have been absent from its pages for so long. This makes me even more appreciative of those who contribute without fail each month. However, as I'm confined with a rather severe case of bronchitis I now find some time to read and write, you can burn the candle at both ends for only so long!

During the fall reunion I was in Wil-

JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

mington, N. C. on a work assignment and ran into an old and dear friend Brother George Jones, K.C.C.H., of the Wilmington Consistory. He proceeded to inform me of my negligence in recent months, so our "Bagpipe" does get read by others. Anyhow, Wilmington had their reunion the same days as we did, but work prevented me from attending and of course I left there at noon on Thursday to be in New Bern in time for the 32°. Wish I could have been there for all sessions and had more time to spend renewing friendships. One of our class, Brother Grady Gaskill from Manteo, was a college friend of 25 years ago. How good it was to see him and hear from other old friends down east.

Well now to be serious for a few moments, did you read "The Grand Commander's Message" in the Nov. '71 issue of "The New Age"? If you haven't, please do and think on it profoundly. For nine years now we have let a biased, liberal press, radio, and television hammer into America that prayer could no longer be a part of American school and public life. As a result of this, prayer life in America has been sadly curtailed and man has strayed farther from his Father God. The result of the 1962 Supreme Court decision has been insidious and far reaching in terms of how it has been used by some to weaken man's relationship with his Heavenly Father. The sad part about it is, the Supreme Court did not, nor did it intend to stop prayer life in America's public schools by its 1962 decision. This decision simply stated that the State of New York could not force its public school children to recite daily a prescribed prayer. It removed none of the freedom granted by the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights to hold devotions with voluntary participation anytime or anyplace. For nine years now we have allowed groups of psuedo-intellectuals to attempt to remove God from our daily lives by curtailing devotion and prayer in public schools and meetings. This we have done both through ignorance and complacency of what the constitution really allows and what the '62 decision was prohibiting.

Masonry, since its inception, has provided the leadership whereby man could seek his God, in public or private, without fear of intervention from state, church, or zealot. The time has once again come when we must provide a leadership, sorely lacking in our communities, that can make possible daily encounters with God on a group basis. We must provide a leadership in rebuilding faith and trust in our courts and government. They are our courts and government, we elected and we can remove and reform through due process and not by riots, violence, and civil turmoil. To do so requires leadership and example; I ask you, who but Masons with their faith in God should be more qualified?

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Ill. Henry C. Clausen, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander Southern Supreme Council

Operation: Let's Go!– Forward To Our Greater Destiny!

During the banquet hour of the final day's session of the Supreme Council in October, the newly elected Thirty-Thirds and other distinguished guests were honored. This was a beautiful banquet in the luxurious ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. Near the close of the evening's program, our Ill. Grand Commander, Brother Henry C. Clausen, 33°, very vividly described the program which he was recommending to the Scottish Rite Bodies for the ensuing year. To some extent this was a continuation of the program he initiated when he was first installed as Grand Commander, but he emphasized not only a continuation of that program but a greater emphasis on certain phases of it. This program provides a tremendous challenge to Scottish Rite Masons throughout the Southern Jurisdiction and we are very pleased to include it in this issue of the BAGPIPE, reproducing it in toto as it appeared in the Grand Commander's Message of the December issue of the New Age.

This program the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern, intend to pursue with all of the diligence and energy possible. It will afford us innumerable opportunities to present the Scottish Rite to the Masonic world and the non-Masonic world as a strong, vigorous, virile organization, anxious to improve the standards of the modern day. His complete message follows:

"We now have concluded our Biennial Session and are approaching the New Year point of appraisal. It is appropriate, therefore, that we plan to augment our effectiveness and growth — internally and externally. Accordingly, these are the designs of three major goals I have drawn upon our trestle-board for immediate action:

(1) Continue the Regional Workshops

We set in motion during the past biennium this landmark project as a means of getting better acquainted, exchanging ideas, improving our leadership and administrative techniques, furnishing guidance and bringing our Supreme Council Headquarters closer to our Valleys. It has proved to be a resounding success. The "feedback" reported enthusiastic results from every meeting and that our mission was fulfilled.

Hence, we shall again divide our Jurisdiction into six areas and hold similar meetings, the dates and places of which will be announced later.

The agendas will include Ritual, Charities, Dynamic Freedoms, *The New Age*, Secretariats and Membership Maintenance and Expansion. We shall discuss ways in which we can improve these ongoing programs.

The Inspectors General or Deputies within the respective areas will bring their Representatives and Secretaries and such of their Masters or brethren as will be most benefitted, within the limitations of accommodations. Expenses will be prorated among the participating Valleys, except in special cases.

The meeting will commence on a Friday afternoon, with a dinner that evening to which there will be invited as guests the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the region. The Workshops will continue on Saturday and conclude after lunch.

(2) Increase our Charitable Concern for Educationally Crippled Children

This charitable program is distinctively that of the Scottish Rite Mother Jurisdiction. It represents an imaginative and contemporary expansion for helping those children who all too often are forgotten. They suffer from childhood aphasia, the inability to talk; or from dyslexia, the inability to read; or from dyspraxia, the inability to coordinate. They are not mentally retarded yet they need remedial help. Some, unless treated, may end their days in mental or correctional institutions, at great expense to the taxpayers. If treated, they can become useful, productive citizens.

Sufficient groundwork during many past years has been done at our Scottish Rite centers in California, Colorado, Texas and elsewhere to demontstrate the need, the cure and the social benefits. By an expansion of these programs throughout our Jurisdiction we can achieve national recognition for our Scottish Rite and the satisfaction of accomplishing a great service for humanity.

(3) Help bridge the Modern Morality Gap

There exists today in our American society, and in truth throughout the world, a great gap between onr amazing

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scientific achievements and our moral conduct. The miracles that the mind produced under scientific laws have outpaced the morality that depends upon divine moral law .

Morally, man is back in the dark ages, being no better than were the Greeks, the Romans or medieval man when their cultures broke down.

Modern man does not seem to realize that his mentality and consciousness are subject to laws as inexorable as those of the sidereal world of matter. There are natural laws that establish a moral force. You cannot transgress these without punishment. They involve the cosmic universe, your fellow men and your inner selves — the soul of man and those mental processes that created the miracle machines of science.

In point of truth, our enormous technological promises have brought a crisis of deep human perplexities. Moral decay afflicts the people. Unfortunately, we became morally infeebled as we became scientifically strong.

What we need is a program for the recovery of moral values — a method whereby we can bridge the chasm between our scientific advances and man's aborted moral development.

Hence, we must enshrine and enthrone again in the hearts and minds of people the old-fashioned moral virtues and spiritual values.

We must make dominant again the pride of patriotism and loyalty to country, the strength of personal integrity, moral responsibility, self-reliance, self-generation and unswerving faith in the one Supreme Being.

Our Scottish Rite of the Mother Jurisdiction can build a bridge of moral leadership. We are uniquely equipped for the task. Our Scottish Rite inspires the spirit that sets men free. It speaks to our initiates with the golden pen of poetry and the sacred fire of drama. It speaks to the world with the inspired soul of humanity. It reveals the Divine Order within man himself. It forges into reality the dreams, the aspirations, the noble sentiments of the original Founders of Freemasonry. It takes from those Masonic altars of the past the fire — not the ashes.

So, my brethren, let us lead the way — activate a powerful program in moral leadership. Let us press this project forward, tough-minded and strong as knights of old, holding high our banners and imbued with the inner strength of an abiding belief in the ultimate conquest of spiritual power and divine guidance.

In short: Let's Go!—Forward to our Greater Destiny!

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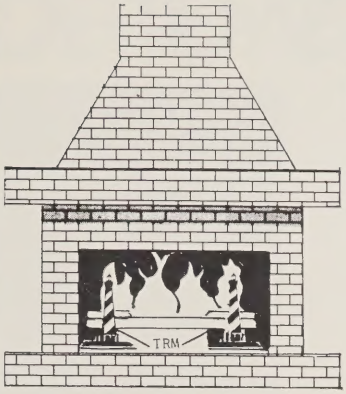

HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By
Tom MacRae, 32°

The layman whose court appearances are limited to jury duty normally depicts the black-robed judge as a man devoid of humor, little sympathy or compassion, and a stern martinet.

During the recent years we have observed some of our black-robed (in court) Scottish Rite brothers "behind the scenes." Some of the stories related in the jurists' chambers deserve a more general audience.

For obvious reasons the jurists cannot be identified. Most of them wear the emblem of our fraternity. We don't intend to embarass a judge who reads this magazine. The tales however, reflect the human traits of the jurists.

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"Judge A.B. was holding a criminal term when he saw a good-looking blonde taking a seat at the defense counsel's table. The judge called up the solicitor and was informed she was charged with drunken driving. 'I don't think she's guilty,' the judge whispered to the solicitor. 'She is, and I'll prove it,' the solicitor replied.

After the evidence was presented and the attorneys completed their arguments to the jury, the judge gave the charge which went something like this:

"The state contends the defendant had a high odor of alcohol on her breath. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the court reminds you that ladies frequently use perfume and all of us know perfumes have a large alcoholic content . . .

"The officer testified the defendant staggered when she stepped from the car. I'm sure the jury knows that ladies wear high-heeled shoes and sometimes it's hard to walk normally on those thin spikes . . ."

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The judge again called the solicitor to the bench: "See, what did I tell you?" the jurist said. (The solicitor's answer, if any, was not revealed.)

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Another judge told this tale on himself:

"I was driving to (censored) for a week of court. There was a nice-looking young man standing on the side of the highway and I offered him a ride. I asked how far he was going and he said (censored). He remarked that he had to go to court. I said that I hoped it wasn't anything serious.

" 'No, it's nothing serious, but I've got to go up before the biggest #():;&&! in North Carolina,' the judge's passenger replied. The passenger left the car outside the courthouse and the judge drove to the rear parking lot.

"The next time I saw that young man was when I opened the door to enter the courtroom. He was sitting on the front row, and when he saw me in the robe he leaped to his feet. Do you know it took three men to hold him? Actually, he was right, there wasn't much of a case against him."

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In another court an attorney was emphasizing a certain location was picked for a business "because everyone entering or leaving the town" had to pass it. Two highways converged on the coastal town.

"How about the airport and water traffic?" the judge quipped, well aware the nearest commercial airport was some 50 miles distant.

"Do you have any airport traffic?" the attorney asked the witness. "None," he replied.

"Do you get much business from the people who bring their boats in here to dock?" was the lawyer's next question.

"I think that's sufficient," the judge intoned before the witness could answer.

At this point there were brief smiles on the faces of the jurist, witness, attorneys and court officials.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

BEST FOOT FORWARD

My brethren, I wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! How hollow those words seem to sound to some of us; for already we feel that it may not be all that the resolutions and dreams would demand! Man is anxious to shape his future, but he is also anxious about the threats that may lurk in the abyss of the unknown and other seemingly infinite possibilities, which are not clear to his finite mind. Truly, the best of us are but "poor blind candidates" in the process of living! Each of us, in his better self, knows that we desire a better life for ourselves and those of the world who know so little of what life is really about. Let us recognize that desire is creative. What a man truly desires becomes the mother of his actual living. So long as it is desire, and not consumation, there is anxiety in our hearts. If we were not anxious we would not be longing. Anxiety is one of the engines of our creativity. We are fearful of those things which threaten the fulfillment of our positive desires.

At this season of the year (as always, for that matter) we stand with one foot set in the soil of the past and the other poised toward the future. The movement of the feet is important! Are we content with the past accomplishments? Or are we ready to put the best foot forward? Mankind was never intended to be content with the past; nor should he be dismayed by the future. God finds difficulty with finite and imperfect creatures who like themselves and their own ways too well!

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

These are the individuals whose premature convictions get in the way of more life that can be created. Our "Art" teaches us that there are always designs on the trestleboard for those who would take the pains to truly read and understand them. God is never through remaking human personality. He is very much in the conflicts which are the portion of his craftsmen. Our need is to be saved from our old selves so that our productive and creative powers can be released for the ever-fresh challenges that confront us as we build a life.

"The moving hand has writ" and nothing we can do will call it back or remove a line from those pages. One can be paralyzed by the past! He can dwell so much on what has been that he never sees what might yet be! We ought to thank God for the power given us to forget the past: the past injustices, the past hurts, the past errors, the past weaknesses. It is imperative that one forget what is past if he would strain for, and attain, what lies ahead. We often think that if we were in the other fellow's shoes life would be different. "If we just were on another road than that which we are compelled to travel things could be different." Never let it be forgotten that one does not have to travel the superhighways to live a great life. He does not have to gain the honors or wear the

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crowns. The common roads have all the essential satisfactions. Maybe the trouble with us is that we are often not content with the essential satisfactions and search for more. Yet, more is not promised! As Barrie has said in the play, "Dear Brutus"; "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars; but in ourselves, that we are underlings." It is not another road that most of us need; but a new self to work the one that lies before us.

One of the glories of our teachings in Masonry is that a man need not stay as he is. He can change. There are Divine resources available to us where we are. The Supreme Architect is able to set designs before us for a noble living. No man fully understands them. If we did, we would be equal to God! It is not required that we fully know all the answers. What is required of the best and least of us is that we be willing to read and anxious to acquire proficiency in the noble art of living. Masonry sets her affections upon a man not for what he is; but for what he can become. And how does one become? By simply and personally recognizing, and living by, the truth that "He is able to do far exceeding abundantly more than we are able to ask or think, according to His power that worketh in us." It is when we follow this Conductor and fear no danger that we can put the best foot forward and use the working tools to the erection of the "Temple not made by hands—eternal in the heavens." In this context, may each of you have a very happy and eventful new year! "Your faith being in God, arise, follow your Conductor, and fear no danger." *SO MOTE IT BE!*

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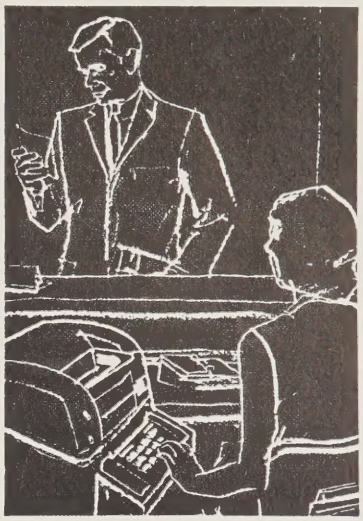

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting Monday night, Dec. 6, 1971, at "Tetterton's Restaurant". A delicious dinner was enjoyed by every member present. Every effort is made at each of our meetings to instill into the brethren, a great desire to reach their "Blue Lodge Brethren, and inform them of the blessings that come to those who take the Scottish Rite degrees". During the "Holidays" is an excellent time to exercise your influence.

In the words of an unknown author of many years ago: "I said to a man at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the darkness ahead'. And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. It shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.

As Scottish Rite Masons we face the east, the source of light, and put our faith in the "Supreme Architect of the Universe", then what better motto can we adopt than the following: "That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments". Not alone for us as Masons, but for the entire nation.

In these words of the Psalmist, it was intended that all future generations might remember what God had done, and be encouraged by the remembrance to hope in Him for the future; and by both memory and hope, be impelled to the discharge of their present duty.

Memory is one of the great fundamentals of Masonry, then, let us associate God with memory by thankful remembrance.

I suppose that there are very few of the faculties of our nature which we more seldom try to regulate by Masonic principles than that great power which we have of looking backwards. Did you ever reflect that you are responsible for what you remember, and for how you remember it, and that you are bound to train and educate your memory, not merely in the sense of cultivating it as a means of carrying intellectual treasures, but for a spiritual purpose? The one thing that all parts of our nature need is God, and that is as true about our power of remembrance as it is about any other part of our being. The past is then hallowed, noble, and yields its highest results and most blessed fruits for us when we link it closely with Him, and see in it not only, nor so much, the play of our own faculties, whether we blame or approve ourselves, as rather see in it the great field in which God has brought Himself near to our experience, and has been regulating and shaping all that has befallen us. The one thing which will consecrate memory, deliver it from its errors and abuses, raise it to its highest and noblest power, is that it should be in touch with God, and that the past should be regarded by each of us as it is indeed and in truth, one long record of what God has done for us.

Again, let us live in the future by hope in Him. Our remembrances and our hopes are closely connected; one might almost say that the power by which we look backwards and that by which we look forwards are one and the same.

In all our earthly hopes there is a feeling of uncertainty which brings alarm as well as expectation. But, if we set our hopes on God,, then we shall have a certainty absolute. The Mason's hope, if it be set on God, is not a maybe, but a will be; and he can be as sure of tomorrow as he is of yesterday.

Therefore it is necessary for us to resolve in this New Year, with all its hidden possibilities, to live in strenuous obedience, with quiet hearts resolved on present duty, as we ought who have such a past to remember and such a future to hope for.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting at the Washington Masonic Lodge, Sunday, December 5, 1971. This was a covered-dish supper with each member bringing the dish of their choice. The food was served "buffet style". It seems to the writer that each member tried to out-do himself. Although most of us ate so much more than we should have, there was plenty food left. Surprising as it may seem, there

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was no duplicating of dishes. If there had been a prize given for the most unusual dish, it very likely would have been given to Mrs. Harmon Davis for her delicious dessert prepared with Japanese persimmons. Supper was served at 6:30 and Rev. Ray Alexander, president, gave the invocation.

Following the meal a social hour was enjoyed by the ladies while the men held a short business meeting.

President Alexander presided. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. There being no special business other than the election of officers, the president thanked all members for their cooperation during his term of office in 1971 and announced that the membership had risen to an all time high and that a very successful year was coming to an end. He then turned the meeting over to Henry Jones, chairman of the nominating committee, who after the voting was over, announced the following officers for 1972: President, Jack Tripp; Vice-President, Dr. Karl Van Horn; Secretary-Treasurer, Virgil Dowden; Rev. Ray Alexander, Chaplain; and Ashley Leggett, publicity.

The new president, Samuel Jack Tripp of Core Point, Blounts Creek, thanked the club for their vote of confidence and, assured them that he would preside to the best of his ability and asked for their cooperation in making 1972 a banner year for the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club.

In other business, Caleb Bell thanked the club for their support in making the Fall Ceremonial of Sudan Temple such a great success.

Harmon Davis suggested that the club consider some fund raising project, no decision was ever made.

Ray Alexander suggested that the club consider using the alphabet system of assigning responsibility of preparation of meals, however due to volunteers, this also was not approved. Harmon Davis and Jack Tripp agreed to be responsible for all preparations for the next meeting which is to be Sunday, January 9, 1972, at the Washington Lodge on West 5th St. This will be a charcoal cook-out with each member bringing his own steak.

Ashley Leggett made a short talk about the November Reunion and announced that Beaufort County had four candidates out of a total of 138 from all of Eastern North Carolina.

Meyer Libman had as his guest, Mrs. Tetterton of Belhaven and Harmon Davis had as his guest, John and Elizabeth Davis. Mr. John Davis is the administrator of the Beaufort County Hospital.

There were thirty members present.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Chowan County Scottish Rite Club

The Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting on Nov. 12, 1971 at the club house on Granville St. with the members and wives enjoying a delicious covered-dish supper. Officers were elected and will take office in January. Officers elected were, H. B. Williford, Jr., President; Jake Barger, Vice-President; Don Quinton, Secretary-Treasurer.

All the brothers were urged to attend the reunion. Chowan County had two candidates to attend the reunion, they were Joe Campen, and George Comer.

Plans were discussed for the Christmas party to be held Friday, Dec. 10, at the Masonic Temple.

Yours in Brotherhood,
H. B. Williford, Jr., Ambassador
Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

On December 6, 1971, 30 members of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club were present when Vice-President John Bryan called to order the last meeting of the year.

The main business of the night was the election of officers for the year 1972. Bro. John Bryan became President, Bro. John Campobasso became Vice-President, and Bro. William B. Longest, III, was chosen as Secretary-Treasurer.

Bro. Earl Noe, 33°, on behalf of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club, presented a book "Dynamic Freedom" to Franklin Lodge 109. A copy of this book had been given to each candidate at the fall reunion in New Bern.

Note was made that 20 candidates represented Carteret County at the fall reunion. Once again we tied in number of candidates. We would like to come in first. Perhaps the 1972 Spring reunion will be our time.

J. C. Campobasso,
Secretary-Treasurer

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club met at the Town & Country Restaurant in Williamston Wednesday night, December 1, at 7:30 P.M.

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Oak City, N. C. 27857
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Each new officer gave a short talk.

President Williams urged all members to bring a prospective member to the next meeting.

John Eubanks gave a talk about his 50 year pin and his experiences as a Mason.

We had a silent prayer for Joe Robertson.

Our next meeting will be at the Town & Country Restaurant, January 5 at 7:15 P.M.

There were 16 members present.

J. L. Williams, President
George Bagley, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert E. Andrews, Vice-President

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

Ring Out the Old! Ring In the New! . . . This oft heard exclamation would indicate that the old is to be discarded as no longer useful and the new embraced as something of much, much greater value. But is this really so?

Indeed not! Much that is old brings with it strength simply because it is aged and time-tested. We treasure our antiques and set great monetary value upon them. We restore our older homes and buildings of history. We point with pride to our ancestors, but ouselves we consider "Modern Man" living in a "New Age".

Are we so different today? Do we not still need love, hope, morality, and dignity? Of course we do. Man does not live by bread alone nor can he live *alone*. He cannot live indulging himself, seeing only his needs, seeking only his own counsel, and disregarding how his actions affect others. He owes too much to those who have laid the framework for our society; who have given their lives and the lives of their sons as well for him.

This is no time to be weak. We need not be belligerent but we do need to be strong. As Masons, it is our obligation to uphold those rights of dignity, self-respect, and freedom guaranteed by the Constitution as well as the command of our Master to love one another.

So, as we march into 1972, let us not discard that which is good, but gather up our loyalty, our faith, our dignity as free men, and our love for all mankind and use them to make the "New Age" a truly better "Age".

Respectfully submitted,
Charles F. Dickinson, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met Tuesday evening, November 30, 1971, 7:00 p.m., at the Sea King Restaurant in Richlands. There were 48 ladies and brethren present. Brother Dave Brewington gave the invocation. A delicious seafood dinner was enjoyed by all following which Brother Jack Howard, Director of Continuing Education at Coastal Carolina Community College presented a film depicting the development of old glory and the historical progress and the development of eastern North Carolina, more especially that of Brunswick County.

After the program, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Brother Ernest Morgan reported the following recommendations for officers for the ensuing year:

President, Allen Hale Stafford
202 Mike Loop Rd., Jacksonville
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215 Richlands Ave., Jacksonville
Secretary-Treasurer, Harold E. McNair, Sr.
108 Boscoe Dr., Jacksonville

The motion was made that nominations be closed and the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Following this, Brother Morgan installed the new officers for the ensuing year.

It was recommended that the surplus money in the treasury be divided equally between the Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Brother Stafford also reminded the brethren it was time to pay their dues

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and that Brother McNair had the 1972 dues cards available and would be accepting their dollars at the close of the meeting.

Following a few general comments by the new President, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Brother Morgan.

DON'T GROW OLD!

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people only grow old by deserting their ideals. Nor is youth simply a matter of ripe cheeks and supple knees. Youth is a temper of the will; a quality of imagination, a vigour of the emotions, and a freshness of the deep springs of life. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Whether seventeen or seventy, if there is in one's heart the love of wonder, the child-like appetite of what's next, and the courage to play the game as the rules are written, that person is young.

"Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing."

In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears.
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

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SPRING REUNION---APRIL 11, 12 & 13

A DEPOSIT OF $60.00 TO APPLY ON FEES MUST ACCOMPANY PETITION

	Fees	Dues
Lodge of Perfection	$ 60.00	$ 6.00
Chapter of Rose Croix	30.00	3.00
Council of Knights of Kadosh	30.00	3.00
Consistory	30.00	3.00
Total	$150.00	$15.00

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Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

To the Officers and Members of
New Bern Lodge of Perfection
New Bern Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix
New Bern Council of Knights of Kadosh
New Bern Consistory

(City or Town) Date 19.....

BRETHERN:

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason in good standing in.....

Lodge No....., located at..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand
(Give City and State)

Lodge of....., and have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the....., inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Print Name in Full—Do Not Use Initials

Print First Name	Print Middle Name	Print Last Name

Residence.....
City County State

Date of Birth.....
Month Day Year

Place of Birth.....
City County State

Occupation..... Hat Size .....
(State what kind of merchant, salesman, engineer, if owner or part owner; if military give branch and rank.)

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Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles?..... .....
Yes or No

No. 2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has?..... If you answer "yes" to this question give particulars.
Yes or No

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Mailing Address..... Zip Code.....

RECOMMENDED BY

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Amount of fee accompanying petition, $ .....
(Make checks payable to Secretary)

Sign .....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

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HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE RITE RECOMMEND YOUR APPLICATION:

Address: SECRETARY SCOTTISH RITE,
Masonic Temple, New Bern, N. C.

Credit for Petition Assigned to:.....
(This credit will go toward cap or medal)

Petition Secured By.....
(If Ambassador, indicate such and show Blue Lodge)

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(Scottish Rite Club)

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